

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION**

EDWARD BUTOWSKY,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION No. 4:21CV774

JUDGE SEAN D. JORDAN

JANUARY 27, 2025 JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties file this Joint Status Report in compliance with the Court's January 23, 2025 Order to provide a status report (ECF No. 27) (the "Order").

On November 22, 2024, the Court entered an agreed briefing schedule regarding the sole issue remaining in this case—whether Defendant properly redacted the email exchange at LITG-2022-000004_11. ECF No. 27. Pursuant to the briefing schedule, Defendant filed its motion for summary judgment on December 11, 2024. ECF No. 26. However, Plaintiff failed to file Combined Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment by the January 8, 2025 deadline.

Counsel for the parties conferred regarding the status of this case after the Court issued the Order. During those discussions, counsel for Plaintiff informed counsel for Defendant, and authorized him to disclose to the Court, that Plaintiff's counsel has recently suffered from medical issues that prevented him from timely filing Plaintiff's Combine Opposition to Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. Plaintiff's counsel still wishes

to file the pleading, but requests that the deadline be continued to allow him to address his medical issues. Plaintiff's counsel requests that the Court enter an order continuing his deadline until after his medical issues resolve. Until then, the Parties can provide the Court with status reports at intervals the Court deems reasonable and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 27, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically with the court and has been sent to counsel of record via the court's electronic filing system.

/s/ James Gillingham

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